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**1 – DuPont plant workers died rushing to help, Houston Chronicle, 11/16/2014**

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/DuPont-plant-workers-died-rushing-to-help-5897558.php>

Robert Tisnado, a production operator at DuPont's chemical plant in La Porte, was nearing the end of his shift early Saturday when he heard a colleague call for help from the operations building where she had gone to check on a line.

**2 – Plant where workers died reported violations, KHOU, 11/13/14**

<http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2014/11/16/plant-where-workers-died-reported-recent-violations/19142453/>

A plant where four workers died early Saturday after a chemical leak has a record of safety violations that dates back several years.

**3 – Was Harris County's high-stakes pollution fight worth it?, Houston Chronicle, 11/14/2014**

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/science-environment/article/Was-Harris-County-s-high-stakes-pollution-fight-5894015.php>

Three years ago, Harris County's attorneys filed an ambitious lawsuit over poisonous sludge that had been polluting the San Jacinto River for decades. They wanted to punish those responsible for the mess. They wanted more than \$1 billion in damages. They wanted to send a message to future polluters. But it didn't turn out that way.

**4 – Valero Energy Corp.'s Meraux refinery has one flare not working, sending smoke into community, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 11/14/14**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/11/valero\\_energy\\_corps\\_meraux\\_ref\\_2.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/11/valero_energy_corps_meraux_ref_2.html#incart_river)

Valero Energy Corp.'s Meraux refinery on Friday morning (Nov. 14) had one flare not burning properly, creating smoke that was making its way into surrounding areas.

**5 – Database: Western Refining's Bloomfield facility and Farmington's sewage plant have been violating environmental laws, Farmington Daily Times, 11/15/2014**

[http://www.daily-times.com/four\\_corners-news/ci\\_26945135/western-refining-farmington-violating-epa-laws](http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_26945135/western-refining-farmington-violating-epa-laws)

Western Refining's Bloomfield facility and Farmington's sewage plant have been in violation of federal environmental laws for years, according to an Environmental Protection Agency database.

**6 – Louisiana submits requests for project funding from spill penalty money, Baton Rouge Advocate, 11/17/2014**

<http://theadvocate.com/news/10816252-123/louisiana-submits-requests-for-project>

State officials are submitting four projects and one program to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and hope at least a few will rise to the top to receive funding from a part of the BP oil spill penalty money.

**7 – Oklahoma Outcry Continues Against EPA's 'Waters of the United States' Rule, NPR StateImpact, 11/14/2014**



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<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/11/14/oklahoma-outcry-continues-against-epas-waters-of-the-united-states-rule/>

Since the federal Clean Water Act first became law in 1972, there's been confusion over which bodies of water qualify for protection under its provisions. Enter the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. rule, which means to bring clarity to the situation.

#### **8 – Possible EPA water regulation worries ranchers, golfers, WFAA, 11/14/2014**

<http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/14/golfers-and-ranchers-share-concerns-over-epas-possible-clean-water-act/19062097/>

A proposed change to the Clean Water Act being floated by the Environmental Protection Agency is drawing some concern from unlikely partners: ranchers and golfers.

#### **9 - System cleaning byproducts found in Calhoun County water, Victoria Advocate, 11/15/2014**

<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2014/nov/14/system-cleaning-byproducts-found-in-calhoun-county/>

The state environmental agency found an excess of cleaning byproducts in Port O'Connor and Port Lavaca drinking water supplied by Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

#### **10 – 'Chlorine burn' to kill brain-eating amoeba in St. John's water extended beyond 60 days, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 11/14/2014**

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/11/chlorine\\_burn\\_to\\_kill\\_brain-eating\\_amoeba\\_in\\_st\\_johns\\_water\\_extended\\_beyond\\_60\\_days.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/11/chlorine_burn_to_kill_brain-eating_amoeba_in_st_johns_water_extended_beyond_60_days.html#incart_river)

Tuesday will mark the end of a 60-day "chlorine burn" period mandated by the state to eradicate a potentially deadly brain-eating amoeba from part of the St. John the Baptist Parish water system. But Parish President Natalie Robottom said it will continue until the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals re-tests the water next month.

#### **11 – Settlements reached in Texas river pollution case, Houston Chronicle, 11/14/2014**

<http://www.chron.com/news/texas/article/Settlements-reached-in-Texas-river-pollution-case-5892289.php>

Two of three businesses targeted by Harris County prosecutors in a lawsuit over polluting the San Jacinto River with poisonous paper-mill waste have agreed to pay \$29 million to the county and state. The county on Thursday resolved its claims against McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corp. and Houston-based Waste Management Inc.

#### **12 – China emissions deal doesn't change much -- yet -- for coal industry, The Oklahoman, 11/14/2014**

<http://newsok.com/china-emissions-deal-doesnt-change-much-yet-for-coal-industry/article/feed/759750/?page=2>

The U.S.'s pledges appear to be made based on a calculation of what Obama and future presidents, using executive authority, can do without Congress, said Tim Profeta, director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University.